¶ By His Highneſs the Lord Protector's Council

For the Affairs of IRELAND.

¶ A DECLARATION and COMMISSION for the Aſſeſment of Twelve thouſand Pounds by the Month, for Six Months; *viz.* From the twentie fourth of *September* 1656, excluſive: to the twenty fourth of *March* following, incluſive.

Hereas by an Ordinance of his Highneſs the Lord Protector of the Common-wealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, with the advice of his Council, bearing date the 23 day of *June*, 1654. Entituled, An Ordinance for the further encouragement of the Adventurers for Lands in Ireland, and of the Souldiers, and other Planters there. It is

Ordained (amongst other things) That for one year, commencing the twenty fourth day of June 1656, and ending the twenty fourth day of June 1657, there shall be Taxed, Assessed, and Leavied, upon all the Counties, Towns, and places in Ireland, and all the Estates real and personal therein, the sum of Twelve thousand pounds, for every month during that year. It is therefore hereby Ordered and Declared, That towards the pay of his Highnes forces in Ireland, and other publick charges, there shall be Taxed, Assessed, and Leavied, upon all the Counties, Towns, and places in Ireland, and all the Estates real and personal therein, from the twenty fourth of September 1656 exclusive, to the twenty fourth day of March following inclusive, being Six months, after the rate of Twelve thousand pounds by the month, according to the sums hereafter named, by the several sums, and according to the several rates, and proportions hereafter expressed, viz. For the first Three Months Assessment, commencing the four and twentyeth of September next exclusive, and ending the twenty fourth day of December following inclusive,

Upon the Countie of Dublin, the sum of One thousand four hundred and fourty pounds And from and after the said twenty fourth day of December exclusive, to the twenty fourth day of March following inclusive, being the later three Months Assessment, the like Sum of one thousand, four hundred and fourty pounds.

The City and County of the Citie of Dublin, the sum of nine hundred & sixty pounds. And from and after the said twenty fourth day of December exclusive, to the twenty fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Months, the like sum of nine hundred and sixty pounds.

The Countie of Kildare, the sum of eight hundred, and fourty pounds. And from and after the said twenty

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fourth day of December exclusive, to the twenty fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthys, the like sum of eight hundred, and forty pounds

The Countie of Catherlogh, the sum of two hundred twentie eight pounds. And from and after the said twentie fourth day of December exclusive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthys, the like sum of two hundred, twentie eight pounds.

The Kings County, the sum of two hundred, seaventy and six pounds. And from, and after the said twentie fourth day of December exclusive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthys, the like sum of two hundred, seventy six pounds.

The Queens Countie, the sum of four hundred and fifteen pounds, our shillings. And from and after the said twenty fourth day of December exclusive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthys, the like sum of four hundred, and fifteen pounds, four shillings.

The County of Longford, the sum of one hundred thirty and two pounds. And from and after the said twenty fourth day of December exclusive, to the twenty fourth of March following inclusive, being other three Monthys, the like sum of one hundred thirty two pounds.

The Countie of East-Meath, the sum of three thousand two hundred and five pounds, four shillings. And from and after the said twenty fourth day of December exclusive, to the twenty fourth of March following inclusive; being other three Monthys, the like sum of

three thousand, two hundred and five pounds, four shillings.

The County of West-Meath, the sum of six hundred eighty four pounds. And from and after the said twenty fourth day of December exclusive, to the twenty fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Months, the like sum of six hundred eighty and four pounds.

The Countie of Kilkenny and Citie, the sum of one thousand nine hundred and two pounds. And from and after the said twenty fourth day of December exclusive, to the twenty fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Months, the like sum of one thousand nine hundred and two pounds.

The County of Wexford, and the Town of Wexford, the sum of six hundred ninety six pounds. And from and after the said twenty fourth day of December exclusive, to the twenty fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Months, the like sum of six hundred ninety and six pounds.

The County of Wicklo, the sum of one hundred & twenty pounds. And from and after the said twenty fourth day of December exclusive, to the twenty fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Months, the like sum of one hundred and twenty pounds.

The County of Lowth, with the Town of Tredagh, the sum of nine hundred twenty one pounds, twelve shillings And from and after the said twenty fourth day of December exclusive, to the twenty fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Months, the like sum of nine hundred twenty one pounds, twelve shillings.

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The Countie of Limerick, with the City and Countie thereof, the ſum of one thouſand one hundred fourty two pounds, eight ſhillings. And from, and after the ſaid twentie fourth day of December excluſive, to the twentie fourth of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like ſum of one thouſand, one hundred, and fortie two pounds, eight ſhillings.

The Countie of Corke, with the Citie and Countie thereof, the ſum of four thouſand nine hundred twenty nine pounds, twelve ſhillings. And from, and after the ſaid twentie fourth day of December excluſive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like ſum of four thouſand, nine hundred and twentie nine pounds, twelve ſhillings.

The Countie of Waterford, with the Citie and County thereof, the ſum of one thouſand, five hundred and ſixty pounds. And from, and after the ſaid twentie fourth day of December excluſive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like ſum of one thouſand, five hundred, and ſixtie pounds.

The Countie of Clare, the ſum of ſeaven hundred fourty and five pounds, four ſhillings. And from, and after the ſaid twentie fourth day of December excluſive, to the twentie fourth day of March following, inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like ſum of ſeven hundred, fortie five pounds, four ſhillings.

The Countie of Kerry, the ſum of two hundred, and fourty pounds. And from, and after the ſaid twentie fourth day of December excluſive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like ſum of two hundred and fourtie pounds.

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The Countie of Tipperary, including Holicrofs, the ſum of two thouſand two hundred and eighty pounds. And from and after the ſaid twenty fourth day of December excluſive, to the twenty fourth day of March following incluſive, being other three Monthſ, the like ſum of two thouſand two hundred and eighty pounds.

The Countie of Donegal, the ſum of one thouſand four hundred eighty and eight pounds. And from, and after the ſaid twentie fourth day of December excluſive, to the twentie fourth day of March following incluſive, being other three Monthſ the like ſum of one thouſand four hundred, eightie eight pounds.

The Countie of Tirone, the ſum of ſix hundred pounds. And from, and after the ſaid twentie fourth day of December excluſive, to the twentie fourth day of March following incluſive, being other three Monthſ, the like ſum of ſix hundred pounds.

The County of Fermanagh, the ſum of three hundred and ſixty pounds. And from and after the ſaid twenty fourth day of December excluſive, to the twenty fourth day of March following incluſive, being other three Monthſ, the like ſum of three hundred and ſixty pounds.

The County of Cavan, the ſum of two hundred and four pounds. And from and after the ſaid twenty fourth day of December excluſive, to the twenty fourth day of March following incluſive, being other three Monthſ, the like ſum of two hundred and four pounds.

The Countie of Monaghan, the ſum of one hundred ſixty and ſix pounds, ſixteen ſhillings. And from, and after the ſaid twentie fourth day of December excluſive, to the twentie fourth day of March following incluſive,

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being other three Monthes, the like sum of one hundred, sixty, and six pounds, sixteen shillings.

The Countie of Antrim and the Town of Carricfergus, the sum of two thousand, four hundred, and eighty four pounds And from, and after the said twentie fourth day of December exclusive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like sum of two thousand, four hundred, and eightie four pounds.

The Countie of Downe, the sum of two thousand, and eighty eight pounds. And from, and after the said twentie fourth day of December exclusive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like sum of two thousand, eightie and eight pounds.

The County of Ardmagh, the sum of four hundred, thirty and two pounds. And from, and after the said twentie fourth day of December exclusive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like sum of four hundred, thirtie, and two pounds.

The Countie of London-Derry, and the Citie, and County thereof, and the Town and Barony of Colerane, the sum of one thouland, three hundred and eighty pounds. And from, and after the said twentie fourth day of December exclusive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like sum of one thouland, three hundred and eightie pounds.

The Countie of Galloway, the sum of two thouland, five hundred, and twenty pounds. And from, and after the said twentie fourth day of December exclusive, to the twenty fourth day of March following inclusive,

being other three Monthes, the like sum of two thousand, five hundred, and twenty pounds.

The Countie of Roscomon, the sum of five hundred and sixty four pounds. And from, and after the said twentie fourth day of December exclusive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like sum of five hundred and sixty four pounds.

The Countie of Sligo, the sum of three hundred and sixty pounds. And from, and after the said twentie fourth day of December exclusive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like sum of three hundred, and sixtie pounds.

The Countie of Mayo, the sum of five hundred, and sixteen pounds. And from, and after the said twentie fourth day of December exclusive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like sum of five hundred, and sixteen pounds.

The Countie of Leitrim, the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds. And from, and after the said twentie fourth day of December exclusive, to the twentie fourth day of March following inclusive, being other three Monthes, the like sum of one hundred, and twentie pounds.

AND it is farther Ordered, That the severall Commissioners of the respective Counties and places, nominated in an Order and Commission for the Assessment, bearing date the twenty eight of March last; as also those that are since appointed by Our Order in writing, shall be and are hereby ordered to be Commissioners for the Assessing, Leavying, and Collecting the Assessments aforesaid.

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And it is further ordered, and declared, that the Sheriffs within each Countie respectively do forthwith upon receipt hereof appoint the time and place of meeting of the Commissioners within the respective Counties, and that the time of such meeting be within six days after the Receipt hereof by the said Sheriffs, and in the chief Towns within each of the said Counties, or in some other Convenient place, in order to the timely and effectuall putting the said Commission in Execution.

And it is hereby ordered, and declared, that the said Assessment is to be Assessed, Raised, and Levyed for the times aforesaid, and to be tared, and assessed by a pound Rate equally on the severall Devisions, Baronies, and Parishes in the respective Counties, Cities, and places aforesaid, for all, and every the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, Moneys, Stock, and Estate, yeilding any profit or increase, according to the value thereof, (that is to say) as much upon every twenty shillings Rent, or yearly value of Land, and reall Estate; as upon Money, Stock, and other personall Estate, by an equall Rate; wherein, every five pounds in Money, Stock, or other personall Estate shall beare the like charge, as shall be laid upon every twenty shillings yearly Rent, or yearly value of Land, as will raise the monthly sum, or sums charged upon the respective Counties, or places aforesaid; And the said Commissioners, or any three, or more of them shall at their said first meeting, and after publick reading hereof) then, and there chuse, nominate, and appoint, two or three, (or more if they shall think fit) of the able and honest Protestant English Inhabitants (if it may be) in the severall and respective Baronies, Towns, Parishes, or Cities aforesaid; and them to appoint to take a particular and exact inquiry, survey, or estimate of each mans Lands, Tenements, Rent, and Stock, in every respective Citie, Town, Village, or Place; together with the yearly value, and Profits of the same: And to

Return the said inquiry, Survey, or Estimate under their hands in writing to the said Commissioners, or to such person or persons of them, as shall be by the said Commissioners appointed to receive the same.

And it is further ordered, that the severall Commissioners appointed for the respective Counties and Cities aforesaid, shall (in Assessing, Levying, and Collecting the Assessments aforesaid) observe the directions and instructions in the order and Commission for the Assessments, bearing date the first of January, 1654. and the respective powers and directions in the said order and Commission the aforesaid Commissioners or any three or more of them, are impowered to put in effectuall execution. Provided nevertheless, that if the way of a pound rate shall prove prejudiciall and obstructive to the bringing in of the respective Assessments hereby appointed or ordered, that then and in all such cases the major part of the said Commissioners in any of the Counties and Cities aforesaid, being met according to the summons given by the High Sherif in each Countie, shall be and are authorised to proceed accordingly to the most just and equall way of Rates held in such places in the apportioning, assessing, and levying the respective sums charged upon them. Provided also, that notwithstanding any former practice or directions, no Commissioners hereby named shall be forced to go out of the Countrey, for which they serve or are appointed, for the managing of the said severall Assessments. And to the end no impediment may be in the managing the work aforesaid, the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, are hereby impowred, to chuse, nominate and appoint such fit writing Clerk or Clerks, as shall be necessary for Transcribing the said Assessments, Certificates, or other papers relating to the said Assessments.

And to the end the Forces (whose pay depends upon the said Assessments) may not be exposed or necessitated

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to take Free-quarter from the Country; or other inconveniences be put upon the said Forces or Country: It is farther Ordered, That the aforesaid Assessment, after the rate of Twelve thousand pounds by the Month, for the first three Months, (commencing the twenty fourth of September 1656, exclusive, and ending the twenty fourth day of December following inclusive) be Levied, Collected and paid into the hands of the Receivers in the respective Counties, at or before the first day of October 1656; And that the Assessment of Twelve thousand pounds by the Month, (commencing the said twenty fourth day of December exclusive, and determining the twenty fourth day of March following inclusive) be likewise Levied, Collected and paid into the hands of the Receivers in the respective Counties aforementioned, at or before the first day of January next after the Date hereof.

And the Sheriffs of the respective Counties for the time being, are hereby strictly required to take effectual care that the said several Assessments be Assessed and Levied in manner as aforesaid: For which purpose, they are hereby nominated and appointed to be Commissioners within their respective Bailiwicks.

And the said Commissioners nominated for the said Assessments, are also to cause the said Assessments, within their respective Counties and Divisions, to be fairly written and subscribed by them, and delivered to the respective Receivers within the said respective Counties. And it is farther Ordered, That the said Receivers do then forthwith after receipt thereof, send or cause to be sent unto the Clerk of the Council at Dublin, A true Copie of the said Assessments of the respective Counties and Villages within the said Precincts.

Dated at the Council-Chamber in Dublin *August* 22. 1656.

Thomas Herbert Clerk of the Council.

By his Highneſs the Lord Protector's Council for the Affairs of IRELAND.

ORdered, That this Declaration and Commiſſion for the Aſſeſments be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Thomas Herbert Clerk of the Council.